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25X1 SUBJECT The Elovitsa Military Powder  
Factory at GabrovoNO. OF ENCLS.  
(LISTED BELOW)SUPPLEMENT TO  
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1. The Elovitsa Military Powder Factory, which produces blasting powder, dynamite, and fuses, is located 12 kilometers southeast of Gabrovo (N4252 E2519) along the road to Dimitur (Buzladzha) Mountain. The factory occupies approximately 1,600 arep (about 40 acres) of rocky and untillable ground. It is under military control and works exclusively for the State.
2. The factory employs approximately 180 workers, including 30 women. Work is done in three 8-hour shifts. Principal officials include:
  - a. Plant director: Technical Major Dimitur Kurdzhalev;
  - b. Assistant director: An unidentified captain; and
  - c. Technical director: Chemical engineer Vasil (Inu).
3. The specialized departments are located in separate buildings. The first department, which produces fuses, has the following personnel:
  - a. Two shift foremen, technicians;
  - b. One chemist;
  - c. Two weaver foremen; and
  - d. Two fuse (filo gommato) specialists.

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4. The second and third departments, which produce powder, each have the following personnel:
  - a. One technical engineer;
  - b. Two shift foremen, chemists; and
  - c. Six technician specialists.
5. The first department produces approximately 3,000 meters of fuses per day and the second and third departments produce a total of 2,000 kilograms of various types of blasting powders per day. The powder is stored in three separate underground depots.

Guard Unit

6. An infantry company consisting of three platoons under the command of a captain and a lieutenant is stationed at the factory. The unit is responsible for guarding the factory and for transporting the raw materials and the manufactured goods. The men are armed with rifles and bayonets.
7. Each platoon consists of the following:
  - a. Commander: An officer candidate;
  - b. Vice Commander: A staff sergeant;
  - c. One non-commissioned officer and two non-commissioned officer candidates; and
  - d. Thirty-four soldiers.

Miscellaneous

8. The workers are under the direction of Lieutenant Chilev. The commander of the three powder magazines is Captain Lenkov.
9. The factory has two trucks.
10. The finished products of the Elovitsa Factory are shipped to the military arsenal at Gabrovo where shells of various types are manufactured for the Bulgarian Army.

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